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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Our Chaplain this morning is Dr. O.S. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, TX. He is sponsored by Senator HUTCHISON.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. O.S. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, TX, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for the realization that You are truly alive today. Bring us to a conscious awareness that, as Your Word states, "The Most High still rules over the affairs of men," that "Your eyes run to and fro over this whole world to show Yourself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are fixed on You."

Lord, impart a spirit of faith, hope, and love to this body of men and women in these strategic places of leadership. A spirit of faith because You said "without faith it is impossible to please You." A spirit of hope because You are the personification of our hope, our blessed hope. And, a spirit of love because You said that is the single distinguishing characteristic by which we would be known. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore, Senator HUTCHISON of Texas.

### ACCOLADES TO GUEST CHAPLAIN, DR. O.S. HAWKINS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I want to say how pleased I am to have been able to invite Dr. O.S. Hawkins of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, one of the largest Baptist churches in the whole world, to be with us today. He is a very special person in my life, along with his wife, Susie, whose father I served with in the Texas Legislature. Susie Hawkins was just a girl when her father and I served in the legislature. My husband also

served with Susie's father in the State legislature in Texas. Our family ties have gone back a long way.

I want to say Dr. Hawkins is one of the great future religious leaders of our country. He already has taken over this great Baptist church of Texas. We are very proud of him. He has been wonderful to my family and to me.

I also want to thank Dr. Ogilvie for helping us bring him in for the great honor of opening the Senate. I think it is a wonderful tradition we have to start every day as we do by just taking a moment to thank God for the blessings that we have in this country. I think Dr. Hawkins did it very well today. I commend him. I am proud to be one of his constituents.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COVERDELL). The Chair recognizes the Senator from Mississippi.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately begin consideration of the conference report accompanying H.R. 927, the Cuban sanctions bill. Under the current consent agreement reached last week, there will be 2½ hours of debate on the conference report divided equally between Senators COVERDELL and DODD.

Following debate on the conference report, the conference report will be set aside with a vote to occur on the adoption of that conference report at 2:15 today. At the hour of 12 noon today the Senate will begin 30 minutes of debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the District of Columbia conference report, with the vote to invoke cloture immediately following the 2:15 vote on the Cuban sanctions legislation.

The Senate will recess from the hours of 12:30 to 2:15 today for the weekly party conferences to meet. Senators should therefore be reminded there will be two consecutive rollcall

votes beginning at 2:15 this afternoon, the first vote being on the Cuban conference report, followed by a vote on cloture on the D.C. conference report.

### CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY [LIBERTAD] ACT OF 1996—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the House a conference report on H.R. 927. The report will be stated. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 927) to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses this report, signed by a majority of the conferees.

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of March 1, 1996.)

Mr. LOTT. I believe the managers of the legislation will be ready to go in a few minutes. Until they arrive, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll. The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LOTT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor

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